



PATENT Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-04000

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Joseph C. CAUTHEN	) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: <b>10/085,040</b>	) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
Filed: March 1, 2002	) Confirmation No.: 8078
For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC ANNULUS STENT	

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2006, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.